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BLACK MARKETING OF SIM CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is black marketing of Sim Cards in the country due to shortage of BSNL`s Cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;

(c) whether such cases have come to the notice of the Government in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(e) whether the employees of the deparment are involved in such blackmarketing; and

(f) if so, the details of action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Some complaints of black marketing of SIM cards have been received from the states of UP (East), Bihar, Jharkhand etc.

(c) Yes, Sir. BSNL UP (East) Circle have noticed few such complaints.

(d) Two (2) cases in Gonda and one (1) case each in Lakhimpur, Gorakhpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Varanasi, Baharaich, Hamirpur and Ajamgarh districts have been noticed.

(e) No such case has come to the notice of BSNL.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.